



Oak Hammock
Middle School
Center for the Arts

Arts Application and Audition Guidelines Incoming 6th Grade Students

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Deadline to Return Audition Packet: Friday, February 19th, 2016

Auditions will be held on February 22nd and 23rd, 2016

OHMS 2016-2017 Arts Application and Audition Process

1. Secure an arts application/audition packet from the school website or the school's main office.
2. Visit the *Student Assignment* office at the Lee County Public Schools central office to secure your choice school application and attach the receipt to your completed arts application/audition packet.
3. The packet **MUST** be completed in its entirety in order to be considered for an audition:
 - Application
 - Two letters of recommendation, one from a current teacher and one from a person who can speak to the student's artistic ability. Letters may not be from a member of the applicant's family.
4. Complete **ALL** the paperwork in the application/audition packet and return the entire packet **WITH** the Student Assignment receipt to the school you are auditioning at on or before Friday, February 19th, 2016.
5. Late applications will not be accepted. There are no exceptions.
6. Prepare for your audition following the guidelines labeled, "Arts Program Descriptions/Audition Requirements".
7. **ALL** auditions are closed to observers. This is for fairness and equity for all students auditioning.
8. Arrive at the main office of the school you will be auditioning at in plenty of time. Arriving earlier than later is always a good practice.
9. Within 15 days of the audition, an acceptance or denial letter will be mailed to the address listed on the application form.
10. If you receive an acceptance letter, you will get an intent form as well which needs to be filled out immediately and mailed back or brought back, in person, to the school at which you auditioned.
11. **It is an expectation that you adhere to all the deadlines.** Failure to meet deadlines will result in forfeiting your seat at the school at which you auditioned.
12. Some students may be placed in an applicant wait pool when there are more eligible applicants than available seats. Students will be selected from the audition wait list in sequential order as openings occur.
13. Students accepted into the school at which they auditioned will be removed from any other assigned school thru Student Assignment. This will be taken care of by the school you are accepted into from the audition process.
14. Students are expected to make a three year commitment to participating in the school's arts program.
15. Participation and attendance for performance related after school activities is required.
16. Parent/Guardian involvement is **HIGHLY** recommended and welcomed.



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Audition Requirements by Department

The arts provides an exciting opportunity for artistically talented middle school students of Lee County. Once selected at an arts designated school, students become part of an artistic environment designed to develop their talents to the highest possible level while fostering an appreciation and love of the arts which will serve them well in the pursuit of the next step in their educational training and chosen careers.

Just a reminder... in addition to the arts application/audition packet, a zone school application **must** also be completed according to the published timeline. Should a student be accepted into the arts program following the audition, the student will be released from the school assigned by Student Assignment in order to attend the school at which the student auditioned. ALL auditions are closed to all observers with no exceptions. This is for the purpose of fairness and equality for all students auditioning.

Theatre Arts

Oak Hammock Middle School Theatre students will study and explore all aspects of the theatre process. Through classroom study and studio work, students will be trained in the art and craft of theatre. Drama students gain skills in acting, pantomime, costumes, lighting, sound, stage craft, literature, history, vocal techniques, and playwriting. Students will learn successful communication in the theater involves the full integration of all of these parts. Students will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of student community, family members, and with community performances including district and state events.

~Audition Requirements~

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Prepare one (1) monologue from a published play. The selected monologue must be memorized. Maximum monologue time is a total of two minutes. Check your material carefully to ensure that you meet this time limit as you will be timed.
- Students may be asked to participate in a short movement activity to demonstrate basic skills of commitment to character. Please wear attire which allows for movement.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire. No shorts, t-shirts, or sandals of any kind will be permitted. Please dress as you would if you were attending a special event, but remember to also dress in a way that allows for movement. Hair should be secured away from the face

*Applicants should bring a current headshot and resume (if applicable/available) to their audition. This is by no means a requirement but simply a helpful tool.

Visual Arts

The visual arts program at Oak Hammock Middle School teaches an appreciation of Art across time and cultures. The Beginning Art course concentrates on developing students' artistic skills and techniques and allows for placement into the Advanced Art

Program. Students will become strong visual communicators, creative thinkers and resourceful problem solvers. Throughout the curriculum, students will be expected to create both two and three dimensional artworks as well as maintain a personal portfolio with the opportunity to participate in district art shows. Our goal is to prepare students for the next phase of their Visual Arts education in high school.

~Audition Requirements~

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Students will be required to sketch with 6B pencil and charcoal without erasers. Students will have a choice of still life compositions to draw. Sketches made during the audition will NOT be returned to students.

Audition Dress Code

Students must wear appropriate audition attire which includes professional dress.

Chorus

The Choral Program at Oak Hammock Middle School consists of three levels of chorus: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced. Each group will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of student community, family members, and possible community performances. Music theory and music reading are part of the expectations for all three levels of chorus. All incoming 6th graders will start in Chorus 1 and choral placement in 7th grade will be dependent upon performance throughout the student's 6th grade year.

~Audition Requirements~

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Students are expected to prepare and memorize a vocal selection.
- Students will respond orally to questions about note recognition for their own clef, note and rest values, and musical symbols.
- Students will listen to a series of 3-5 pitches on the piano and sing them back.
- Students will sing a major scale using solfeggio or other syllables.
- Applicants will be judged on pitch accuracy, tone quality, rhythmic accuracy, expressiveness, musical effect, and sight reading.
- Accompaniment: Students may sing with or without accompaniment. If accompaniment is desired, it must be a CD or URL of a YouTube accompaniment. Accompaniments must be instrumental only. No recorded voices on the tracks.
- Suggested songs: American folk songs or easy classical pieces. Current pop songs should be avoided if at all possible.

Audition Dress Code

Students must wear appropriate audition attire which includes professional dress.

Dance

At Oak Hammock Middle School dance students will be provided with a wide range of quality opportunities and experiences that will allow them to prepare for advance study, creative growth, and personal fulfillment. Students participating in dance will study the major dance styles and choreography, with a strong focus on performance practices and individual creative expression. In the dance classroom, skills are developed through classwork, technique, individual and class projects, and performance

opportunities.

~Audition Requirements~

Each student will participate in a live audition that will include the following:

- Students are expected to perform a one-minute prepared selection (or excerpt) of the student's own choosing. (An accompaniment tape or CD is to be provided by the student.)
- Students are to bring a prepared short paragraph or resume outlining student's dance experience and desire to be a member of the Oak Hammock Middle School Dance Department.

Audition Dress Code

Please be sure to wear appropriate dance wear or clothing that is easy to move in. Hair should be secured up and out of the face in a ponytail, bun, or French braid. Feet can be bare or appropriate dance shoes may be worn.

Band

The Oak Hammock Middle School Band Program consists of three ensemble levels: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Bands. Each group will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of student community, family members, and with community performances including The Fort Myers Miracle Hammond Stadium. Music theory and music reading are part of the expectations for all three levels of band. All incoming 6th graders without prior experience will start in Beginning Band and placement in 7th grade will be dependent upon performance throughout the student's 6th grade year. Advanced and Intermediate Band members have opportunities to audition for All County, All State, and participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival as well as participating in the Music Performance Assessment process.

~Audition Requirements~

Woodwind, Brass, Percussion

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Students are to perform 12 major scales and arpeggios, or as many as known from memory, at a tempo, range and style representing the student's current level.
- Students are to perform a prepared solo or etude appropriate to the student's current ability level. Accompaniment is neither required nor recommended.

Students without prior instrumental experience

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Students will be guided on an evaluation of performance on each instrument of the band instruments including flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion in order to assign appropriate instrument.
- Students will be required to demonstrate that they can maintain a steady beat.
- Students will listen to a series of 3-5 pitches on the piano and sing them back.
- Students are to bring a prepared short paragraph or resume outlining student's musical experience and desire to play a particular instrument and be a member of Oak Hammock Middle School Band Program.

Audition Dress Code

Students must wear appropriate audition attire which includes professional dress.

Orchestra

The Orchestra Program at Oak Hammock Middle school consists of three ensemble levels: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced. Each group will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of student community, family members, and with community performances including the SWFL International Airport. Music theory and music reading are part of the expectations for all three levels of orchestra. All incoming 6th graders without prior experience will start in Beginning Orchestra and orchestral placement in 7th grade will be dependent upon performance throughout the student's 6th grade year. Advanced

and Intermediate Orchestra members have opportunities to audition for All County, All State, and participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival as well as participating in the Music Performance Assessment process.

~Audition Requirements~

Strings

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Students will perform 12 major scales and arpeggios, or as many as known from memory, at a tempo, range and style representing the student's current level
- Students are to perform a prepared solo or etude appropriate to the student's current ability level. Accompaniment is neither required nor recommended.

Students without prior instrumental experience

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Students will be guided on an evaluation of performance on each instrument of the orchestra instruments including violin, viola, cello and bass in order to assign appropriate instrument.
- Students will be required to demonstrate that they can maintain a steady beat.
- Students will listen to a series of 3-5 pitches on the piano and sing them back.
- Students are to bring a prepared short paragraph or resume outlining student's musical experience and desire to play a particular instrument and be a member of Oak Hammock Middle School Orchestra Program.

Audition Dress Code

Students must wear appropriate audition attire which includes professional dress.



Rec. By _____ Date _____

Oak Hammock Middle School Center for the Arts
Middle School Audition Application Form
2016-2017 School Year
Fax # (239) 694-4089
Phone # (239) 693-0469
5321 Tice St, Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Please fill out the information below and return by fax, US Mail or in person to our school.
The deadline to submit this application is Friday, February 19th.
No applications can be accepted after February 19th

_____		_____		_____		_____	
Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial		Student Identification #	
_____				_____		_____	
Current US Mailing Address				City, State, Zip Code		(Area Code) Home Phone	
_____		_____		_____		_____	
Birth Date		Gender		Present School		Present Grade Level	
_____				_____		_____	
First and Last Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)				Work Phone		Primary Language (English, Spanish, etc.)	

Parent/Guardian e-mail address							

*****CIRCLE THE DEPARTMENT(S) YOU WILL BE AUDITIONING IN AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS.**

You may audition in more than one area.

***** ALL AUDITIONS START PROMPTLY AT 5PM. Please plan accordingly.**

Allow a 3 hour block for the audition. (5-8pm)

This is your **ONLY** notification. Mark your calendar! ☺

Feb. 22
BAND

Feb. 23
ORCHESTRA

DANCE

VISUAL ARTS

THEATRE

CHORUS

* Students are expected to make a three year commitment to participating in the school's arts program.

* As per district policy, you **MUST** have a *Student Identification Number* to apply. This is obtained by registering with the School District of Lee County through the STUDENT ASSIGNMENT office BEFORE TURNING IN THIS APPLICATION. Your student assignment receipt must accompany this application.

* Additionally, you **MUST** have a current address in the east zone to audition at Oak Hammock Middle School Center for the Arts.



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Application: Teacher Recommendation 1

*Recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with the teacher's signature across the sealed back.
 Recommendations must be included in the application packet and returned by February 13, 2015.
 Please print clearly.*

 Student Last Name Student First Name Student ID

 Name of person making the recommendation Phone Number

 E-mail address

Please rate this student:

	<i>No Basis</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent (top 10%)</i>
Creativity						
Self- Motivation						
Self-Discipline						
Work Habits						
Academic achievement						
Interpersonal Skills						
Interest in the Arts						
Written expression of ideas						
Potential for growth						
Ability to follow directions						



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Application: Recommendation 2

*Recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with the teacher's signature across the sealed back.
Recommendations must be included in the application packet and returned by February 13, 2015.
Please print clearly.*

Student Last Name

Student First Name

Student ID

Name of person making the recommendation

Phone Number

E-mail address

Please rate this student:

	<i>No Basis</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent (top 10%)</i>
Creativity						
Self- Motivation						
Self-Discipline						
Work Habits						
Academic achievement						
Interpersonal Skills						
Interest in the Arts						
Written expression of ideas						
Potential for growth						
Ability to follow directions						

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